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••• R 272052Z APR 84  
 ••• FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
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 ••• AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY  
 ••• AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY  
 ••• INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI  
 ••• AMCONSUL LAHORE  
 ••• AMCONSUL PESHAWAR

• GENEVA AND ISLAMABAD FOR REFCOORDS, ROME FOR FODAG

• TAGS: SREF, UNHCR, WFP, AF PK  
• SUBJECT: VOLFGING APRIL 17 MEETING IN WASHINGTON: AFGHAN  
• REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN

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2. A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WAS COVERED IN A ONE-DAY MEETING APRIL 17 CHAIRED BY RP BUREAU ACTING DIRECTOR ROBERT L. FUNSETH WITH UNHCR'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OLE VOLFG. VOLFG WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JOACHIM HENKEL AND ED SAVAGE OF THE UNHCR'S WASHINGTON OFFICE. OTHER RP PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED DAS ARTHUR E. DEWEY, DAS RICHARD D. ENGLISH AND DIRECTORS OF RP PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT OFFICES. THE SESSIONS FOCUSED ON OVERALL

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## BUDGET CONCERNS AND REGIONAL PROGRAM ISSUES.

3. ACTING DIRECTOR FUNSETH OPENED THE SESSION ON THE PAKISTAN PROGRAM BY NOTING THAT UNHCR HAS SO FAR RECEIVED ONLY DOLLARS 22.4 MILLION (ALMOST 75 PERCENT OF THAT FIGURE, DOLLARS 16.5 MILLION, FROM THE US) IN PLEDGES AGAINST A PROJECTED PROGRAM BUDGET OF DOLLARS 65 MILLION. HE ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR HCR'S OBTAINING NECESSARY COMMITMENTS FROM OTHER DONORS, AND WHETHER HCR IS MAKING ANY SPECIAL EFFORTS TO ELICIT SUCH OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS. VOLTING RESPONDED THAT HCR CONCENTRATES ON GETTING COMMITMENTS TO COVER ITS ENTIRE WORLD-WIDE PROGRAM, NOT ON COMPONENT PARTS. HCR WOULD LIKEWISE PREFER THAT DONORS AIM AT MEETING OVERALL PROGRAM NEEDS RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO HCR REQUIREMENTS WITH PLEDGES EARMARKED FOR SPECIFIC COUNTRY ACTIVITIES. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HCR WOULD OBTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS SUFFICIENT TO MEET OVERALL PROGRAM NEEDS AND THAT PAKISTAN PROGRAM WOULD THEREBY BE FULLY FUNDED. HE INDICATED THAT PRESENT SHORTFALL IN COMMITMENTS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS LACK OF OTHER DONORS' INTEREST IN OVERALL OR PAKISTAN PROGRAMS.

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5. MR. FUNSETH INQUIRED WHETHER THE HCR ACCEPTS THE

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WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) FOOD COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION  
PLANNING FIGURE OF 2.2 MILLION RECIPIENTS. VOLFGING  
REPLIED THAT HCR MAY DO SO EVENTUALLY AND CERTAINLY DOES  
NOT INTEND TO INCREASE ITS OWN 2.3 MILLION FIGURE THIS  
YEAR. ASKED BY DAS DEWEY IF HCR IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT  
CURRENT WFP REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOP AIMED AT KEEPING  
THE WFP FIGURE AT THE CURRENT LEVEL, VOLFGING INDICATED  
THAT THE PROGRAM IS A SISTER AGENCY'S JOB AND HCR CANNOT  
AND SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED. DAS DEWEY RESPONDED THAT  
HCR DOES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT WFP TO THE  
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EXTENT POSSIBLE IN MAINTAINING A CREDIBLE BENEFICIARY  
LEVEL.

6. DAS DEWEY RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CONTINUING GOP  
REQUESTS FOR AID TO OFFSET EXPENSES IT INCURS IN  
TRANSPORTING RELIEF COMMODITIES INSIDE PAKISTAN FOR THE  
REFUGEES. DEWEY REMINDED VOLFGING THAT THE USG HAD  
CONTRIBUTED DOLLARS 8 MILLION IN FY 1982 FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF 240 TRUCKS (COMPRISING 60 PERCENT OF THE  
PRESENT RELIEF FLEET) BUT THAT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE A  
COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF THE INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION-SYSTEM  
SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE FURTHER COMMITMENTS ARE  
MADE. DEWEY ASKED IF THE HCR WOULD JOIN US IN OUR SO  
FAR UNSUCCESSFUL REPRESENTATIONS TO WFP TO COMMISSION  
SUCH A STUDY. TERMING THE QUESTION OF INTERNAL  
TRANSPORTATION A "LOCH NESS MONSTER," VOLFGING SAID THAT  
HCR IS WILLING TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN BILATERAL ACTIONS IN  
THIS RESPECT AND INDICATED IT HELPED TO GET TRUCKS FOR  
PAKISTAN LAST YEAR.

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VOLFGING PREDICTED THE  
MATTER WILL BE A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE ANNUAL  
MEETING ON THE PROGRAM WITH THE GOP NEXT MONTH IN  
GENEVA. HE PROMISED TO ASK HCR HEADQUARTERS TO GIVE OUR  
PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY SERIOUS  
CONSIDERATION BEFORE THAT MEETING.

7. VOLFGING ASKED ABOUT THE USG'S PLANS FOR A RUPEE  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR. HE SAID THAT HCR  
HAS BUDGETTED FOR A DOLLARS 3 MILLION RUPEE CONTRIBUTION  
FROM THE U.S. AND ASKED WHETHER THAT AMOUNT IS WHAT RP  
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HAS IN MIND. AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER WAS GIVEN. HE  
INQUIRED WHEN THAT CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND

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WAS TOLD PROBABLY MID TO LATE SUMMER, SUBJECT TO OBTAINING APPROVAL OF THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES.

8. MR. FUNSETH INDICATED RP'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE HCR UNDERTAKE CONSULTANT STUDIES IN THE EDUCATION AND SELF-RELIANCE FIELDS. VOLFFING SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING IN GENEVA ON THE MATTER AND, IN RESPONSE TO FUNSETH'S SPECIFIC REQUEST, INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH POLICY, PLANNING AND RESEARCH CHIEF JEAN HEIDLER ON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA.

9. TURNING TO THE WORLD BANK REFUGEE PROJECT, FUNSETH INFORMED VOLFFING

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THAT A USG DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION THEREFORE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE IN THE CARDS THIS YEAR. VOLFFING NOTED THAT NEW PLEDGES (EEC, NETHERLANDS) TO THE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED AT THE RECENT PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM BRING THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO DATE TO DOLLARS 13 MILLION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT JAPAN WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE A DONATION SOON. THERE IS EASILY ENOUGH MONEY TO CARRY OUT THIS YEAR'S WORK ON THE PROJECTS, AND IF EEC AND USG DO MORE NEXT YEAR THE DOLLARS 20 MILLION NEEDED FOR THE WHOLE PROGRAM SHOULD BE ACHIEVABLE. DAS DEWEY STATED THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE BEYOND THE WORLD BANK PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED SPONTANEOUS INCOME EARNING ABILITIES OF THE REFUGEES, AND VOLFFING AGAIN PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE RP REQUEST FOR A CONSULTANT'S STUDY OF SELF-RELIANCE PROJECTS WITH THAT IN MIND.

10. A DISCUSSION OF A "SECOND TRANCHE" OF USG CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE HCR PROGRAMS THIS YEAR ENSUED AT THE END OF THE SESSION, FOCUSSED ON WHAT FURTHER

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FUNDING THE HCR COULD ANTICIPATE DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT THE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST NOW BEFORE THE CONGRESS PASSED. VOLFFING WAS ADVISED THAT EVEN IF THE SUPPLEMENTAL IS NOT SUCCESSFUL, HCR COULD EXPECT AN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS 2.5 MILLION FOR THE PAKISTAN PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO ANY CHANGES IN THE PAKISTAN PROGRAM LEVEL MADE BY THE HCR IN ITS SPRING REVIEW. WHEN ADDED TO THE DOLLARS 16.5 MILLION ALREADY COMMITTED, THIS WOULD BRING THE TOTAL USG DOLLAR DONATION TO THE PAKISTAN PROGRAM TO DOLLARS 19 MILLION. (RP/ASIA: 0280T) DAM

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